

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A disk drive comprising:

(a) a disk;

(b) a voice coil motor to rotate said disk;

(c) a slider including a magnetic head to record data to and/or

reproduce data from said disk;

(d) a load beam to suspend said slider in one end;

(e) a carriage; and

(f) a head actuator provided between said carriage and one disk side end of said load beam; and

~~(g) a coupling portion,~~

wherein said head actuator has a first piezoelectric element unit, second piezoelectric element unit and ~~a coupling portion~~ coupling portions, and said first piezoelectric element unit is arranged approximately parallel to said second piezoelectric element unit, and said coupling ~~portion couples portions couple~~ said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit.

13. (Currently amended) The disk drive according to claim 12, wherein said coupling portions are positioned relative to one another so as to form portion is provided with a slit between said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit, and said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit are coupled by said coupling portion portions at least in one end of said first piezoelectric element unit and said

second piezoelectric element unit, and opposing surfaces of said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit.

Claims 14-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) The disk device according to claim 12, wherein said coupling ~~portion is portions are~~ composed of a flexible resin.

18. (Currently amended) The disk device according to claim 12, wherein said coupling ~~portion is portions are~~ made from a material identical to a material utilized for a protective layer to cover said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit.

19. (Previously presented) The disk device according to claim 18, wherein said protective layer is composed of a resin.

20. (Previously presented) The disk drive according to claim 12, wherein said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit are formed from thin films.

21. (Previously presented) The disk drive according to claim 20, wherein said first piezoelectric element unit and said second piezoelectric element unit form a multilayered structure using two thin film piezoelectric element bodies, each consisting of a thin film piezoelectric element covered by a metal coating layer on top and bottom surfaces thereof, with an adhesive disposed between the thin film piezoelectric element bodies.

22. (Previously presented) The disk drive according to claim 21, wherein said adhesive layer is composed of resinous adhesives.

23. (Previously presented) The disk drive according to claim 21, wherein said adhesive layer is a weld coupling formed by both electrode metal layers being welded together.